

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1-2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (currently amended): The method of claim 26, wherein at least 90 wt% of the solvent mixture in said composition is the one or more hydrophobic [[solvent]] solvents.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The method of claim 26, wherein the one or more hydrophobic [[solvent]] solvents in said composition [[has]] have a solubility in water of less than 0.1 wt%.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The method of claim 26, wherein the beneficial agent in said composition has a concentration from 0.1 mg/ml to 500 mg/ml.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The method of claim 26, wherein the beneficial agent in said composition has a concentration from 10 mg/ml to [[500]] 100 mg/ml.

Claims 7-8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (previously presented): The method of claim 26, wherein less than 25% of the beneficial agent in said composition is released in 24 hours following administration *in vivo*.

Claim 10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (currently amended): The method of claim 26, wherein the one or more hydrophilic [[solvent]] solvents, the one or more hydrophobic [[solvent]] solvents, the bioerodible polymer, and the beneficial agent in said composition form a suspension.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The method of claim 26, wherein the one or more hydrophilic [[solvent]] solvents, the one or more hydrophobic [[solvent]] solvents, the bioerodible polymer, and the beneficial agent in said composition form a solution.

Claim 13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (previously presented): The method of claim 30, wherein at least 55 wt% of the solvent mixture in said composition is the hydrophobic solvent.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The method of claim 30, wherein at least 90 wt% of the solvent mixture in said composition is the hydrophobic solvent.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The method of claim 30, wherein the hydrophobic solvent of said composition has a solubility in water of less than 0.1 wt%.

Claims 17-18 (canceled)

Claim 19 (previously presented): The method of claim 30, wherein the viscosity of said composition is less than 500 centipoise.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The method of claim 30, wherein the hydrophobic solvent is benzyl benzoate, the hydrophilic solvent is benzyl alcohol, the bioerodible polymer is polylactide, and the beneficial agent is a peptide or protein [[,]].

Claim 21 (previously presented): The method of claim 30, wherein the hydrophilic solvent, the hydrophobic solvent, the bioerodible polymer, and the beneficial agent form a solution.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The method of claim 30, wherein the hydrophilic solvent, the hydrophobic solvent, the bioerodible polymer, and the beneficial agent form a suspension.

Claims 23-25 (canceled)

Claim 26 (currently amended): A method of administering a beneficial agent, comprising injecting a composition comprising:

a solvent mixture comprising one or more hydrophobic solvents and one or more hydrophilic solvents, wherein the [[total amount of]] one or more hydrophobic [[solvent or]] solvents have a solubility in water of less than 1 wt% and wherein at least 55 wt% of the solvent mixture is the one or more hydrophobic [[solvent]] solvents [[and a hydrophilic solvent]];

a bioerodible polymer; and

a beneficial agent,

the composition forming a solution, suspension, or gel;

wherein the viscosity of the composition is less than or equal to 2000 centipoise;

into an organism through a needle, wherein the needle is a 25-gauge needle.

Claim 27 (currently amended): A method of administering a beneficial agent, comprising injecting a composition comprising:

a solvent mixture comprising one or more hydrophobic solvents and one or more hydrophilic solvents, wherein the [[total amount of]] one or more hydrophobic [[solvent or]] solvents have a solubility in water of less than 1 wt% and wherein at least 55 wt% of the solvent mixture is the one or more hydrophobic [[solvent]] solvents [[and a hydrophilic solvent]];

a bioerodible polymer; and

a beneficial agent,

the composition forming a solution, suspension, or gel;

wherein the viscosity of the composition is less than or equal to 2000 centipoise;

into an organism through a needle, wherein the needle is a 28-gauge needle.

Claim 28 (currently amended): A method of administering a beneficial agent, comprising injecting a composition comprising:

a solvent mixture comprising one or more hydrophobic solvents and one or more hydrophilic solvents, wherein the [[total amount of]] one or more hydrophobic [[solvent or]] solvents have a

solubility in water of less than 1 wt% and wherein at least 55 wt% of the solvent mixture is the one or more hydrophobic [[solvent]] solvents [[and a hydrophilic solvent]];

a bioerodible polymer; and

a beneficial agent,

the composition forming a solution, suspension, or gel;

wherein the viscosity of the composition is less than or equal to 2000 centipoise;

into an organism through a needle, wherein the needle is a 30-gauge needle.

Claim 29 (canceled)

Claim 30 (currently amended): A method of administering a beneficial agent, comprising injecting a composition comprising:

a solvent mixture, comprising a hydrophobic solvent and a hydrophilic solvent, wherein said hydrophobic solvent has a solubility in water of less than 1 wt%;

~~a hydrophobic solvent, wherein said hydrophobic solvent has a solubility in water of less than 1 wt%~~; and

~~a hydrophilic solvent~~;

a bioerodible polymer; and

a beneficial agent,

the composition forming a solution, suspension, or gel; and

wherein the viscosity of the composition is less than or equal to 2000 centipoise;

into an organism through a needle, wherein the needle is a 25-gauge needle.

Claim 31 (currently amended): A method of administering a beneficial agent, comprising injecting a composition comprising:

a solvent mixture, comprising a hydrophobic solvent and a hydrophilic solvent, wherein said hydrophobic solvent has a solubility in water of less than 1 wt%;

~~a hydrophobic solvent, wherein said hydrophobic solvent has a solubility in water of less than 1 wt%~~; and

~~a hydrophilic solvent~~;

a bioerodible polymer; and
a beneficial agent,
the composition forming a solution, suspension, or gel; and
wherein the viscosity of the composition is less than or equal to 2000 centipoise;
into an organism through a needle, wherein the needle is a 28-gauge needle.

Claim 32 (currently amended): A method of administering a beneficial agent, comprising injecting a composition comprising:

a solvent mixture, comprising a hydrophobic solvent and a hydrophilic solvent, wherein said hydrophobic solvent has a solubility in water of less than 1 wt%;
~~a hydrophobic solvent, wherein said hydrophobic solvent has a solubility in water of less than 1 wt%~~; and
~~a hydrophilic solvent;~~
a bioerodible polymer; and
a beneficial agent,
the composition forming a solution, suspension, or gel; and
wherein the viscosity of the composition is less than or equal to 2000 centipoise;
into an organism through a needle, wherein the needle is a 30-gauge needle.

Claims 33-43 (canceled)

Claim 44 (previously presented): The method of claim 26, wherein the viscosity of said composition is less than 1000 centipoise.

Claims 45-47 (canceled)

Claim 48 (previously presented): The method of claim 30, wherein the viscosity of said composition is less than 1000 centipoise.

Claims 49-54 (canceled)

Claim 55 (currently amended): The method of claim 27, wherein at least 90 wt% of the solvent mixture in said composition is the one or more hydrophobic [[solvent]] solvents.

Claim 56 (currently amended): The method of claim 27, wherein the one or more hydrophobic [[solvent]] solvents in said composition [[has]] have a solubility in water of less than 0.1 wt%.

Claim 57 (previously presented): The method of claim 27, wherein the beneficial agent in said composition has a concentration from 0.1 mg/ml to 500 mg/ml.

Claim 58 (currently amended): The method of claim 27, wherein the beneficial agent in said composition has a concentration from 10 mg/ml to [[500]] 100 mg/ml.

Claim 59 (canceled)

Claim 60 (previously presented): The method of claim 27, wherein less than 25% of the beneficial agent in said composition is released in 24 hours following administration *in vivo*.

Claim 61 (currently amended): The method of claim 27, wherein the one or more hydrophilic [[solvent]] solvents, the one or more hydrophobic [[solvent]] solvents, the bioerodible polymer, and the beneficial agent in said composition form a suspension.

Claim 62 (currently amended): The method of claim 27, wherein the one or more hydrophilic [[solvent]] solvents, the one or more hydrophobic [[solvent]] solvents, the bioerodible polymer, and the beneficial agent in said composition form a solution.

Claim 63 (previously presented): The method of claim 27, wherein the viscosity of said composition is less than 1000 centipoise.

Claim 64 (currently amended): The method of claim 28, wherein at least 90 wt% of the solvent mixture in said composition is the one or more hydrophobic [[solvent]] solvents.

Claim 65 (currently amended): The method of claim 28, wherein the one or more hydrophobic [[solvent]] solvents in said composition [[has]] have a solubility in water of less than 0.1 wt%.

Claim 66 (previously presented): The method of claim 28, wherein the beneficial agent in said composition has a concentration from 0.1 mg/ml to 500 mg/ml.

Claim 67 (currently amended): The method of claim 28, wherein the beneficial agent in said composition has a concentration from 10 mg/ml to [[500]] 100 mg/ml.

Claim 68 (canceled)

Claim 69 (previously presented): The method of claim 28, wherein less than 25% of the beneficial agent in said composition is released in 24 hours following administration *in vivo*.

Claim 70 (currently amended): The method of claim 28, wherein the one or more hydrophilic [[solvent]] solvents, the one or more hydrophobic [[solvent]] solvents, the bioerodible polymer, and the beneficial agent in said composition form a suspension.

Claim 71 (currently amended): The method of claim 28, wherein the one or more hydrophilic [[solvent]] solvents, the one or more hydrophobic [[solvent]] solvents, the bioerodible polymer, and the beneficial agent in said composition form a solution.

Claim 72 (previously presented): The method of claim 28, wherein the viscosity of said composition is less than 1000 centipoise.

Claim 73 (previously presented): The method of claim 31, wherein at least 55 wt% of the solvent mixture in said composition is the hydrophobic solvent.

Claim 74 (previously presented): The method of claim 31, wherein at least 90 wt% of the solvent mixture in said composition is the hydrophobic solvent.

Claim 75 (previously presented): The method of claim 31, wherein the hydrophobic solvent of said composition has a solubility in water of less than 0.1 wt%.

Claim 76 (previously presented): The method of claim 31, wherein the viscosity of said composition is less than 500 centipoise.

Claim 77 (currently amended): The method of claim 31, wherein the hydrophobic solvent is benzyl benzoate, the hydrophilic solvent is benzyl alcohol, the bioerodible polymer is polylactide, and the beneficial agent is a peptide or protein [.,.].

Claim 78 (previously presented): The method of claim 31, wherein the hydrophilic solvent, the hydrophobic solvent, the bioerodible polymer, and the beneficial agent form a solution.

Claim 79 (previously presented): The method of claim 31, wherein the hydrophilic solvent, the hydrophobic solvent, the bioerodible polymer, and the beneficial agent form a suspension.

Claim 80 (previously presented): The method of claim 31, wherein the viscosity of said composition is less than 1000 centipoise.

Claim 81 (previously presented): The method of claim 32, wherein at least 55 wt% of the solvent mixture in said composition is the hydrophobic solvent.

Claim 82 (previously presented): The method of claim 32, wherein at least 90 wt% of the solvent mixture in said composition is the hydrophobic solvent.

Claim 83 (previously presented): The method of claim 32, wherein the hydrophobic solvent of said composition has a solubility in water of less than 0.1 wt%.

Claim 84 (previously presented): The method of claim 32, wherein the viscosity of said composition is less than 500 centipoise.

Claim 85 (currently amended): The method of claim 32, wherein the hydrophobic solvent is benzyl benzoate, the hydrophilic solvent is benzyl alcohol, the bioerodible polymer is polylactide, and the beneficial agent is a peptide or protein [.,].

Claim 86 (previously presented): The method of claim 32, wherein the hydrophilic solvent, the hydrophobic solvent, the bioerodible polymer, and the beneficial agent form a solution.

Claim 87 (previously presented): The method of claim 32, wherein the hydrophilic solvent, the hydrophobic solvent, the bioerodible polymer, and the beneficial agent form a suspension.

Claim 88 (previously presented): The method of claim 32, wherein the viscosity of said composition is less than 1000 centipoise.